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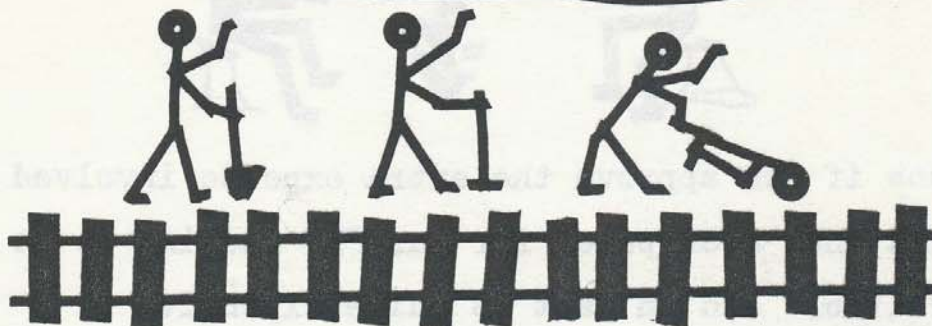
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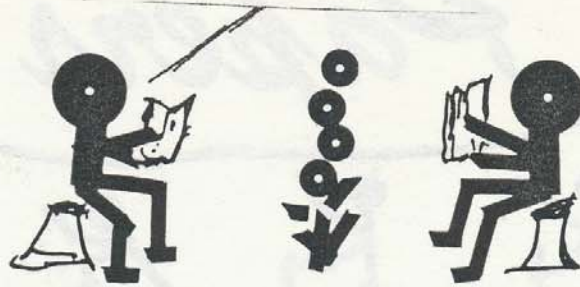


When I was elected secretary, eighteen months ago, I was given a machine and told " use this to produce the Club Bulletin". That was the start of a hate-hate relationship which is still continuing .

That machine is more tempermental by far than the most recalcitrant steam injector ! and that is saying something !! I swear that it would hear me coming and say to it's beastly self " what will I do to him this time ?"

It has covered me with black developer, wrapped me in yards (sorry, metres) of smelly paper or just refused to work at all . It generally took about two weeks to produce one issue of the Bulletin . Don't forget that there were in excess of 1500 sheets of sticky pages to collate, anyone having had experience of collating wet-process photo-copy paper will know what I mean .

However, all that is past (I hope), as the committee has decided to hang the expense and return to our original format . As I had the covers already printed I am using them for this issue and as the fold covers our President's name and also our librarian it gives me a chance to correct the spelling mistake, our President is of course JACK DAVEY and our librarian BILL COLES . It is up to you to let us



know if you approve the extra expense involved bearing in mind that even paper for our */* machine is no longer freely available and in fact is quite expensive .

Enough of that ! Did you enjoy Bill Coles' talk on the Wier Pump ? I did, it was well prepared and well presented . To my way of thinking, that is the way to go . Especially having seen Frank Lee's one in action, it never falters . Allan Brabham and Fred Gordon did a stirring job of their question and answer night on steel and copper boilers . Which reminds me, do you approve of our half-hour any problem session we have instituted at the monthly meeting nights ? I like to call it "Questions without Notice " , it keeps the experts on their toes ! If you wish to keep it going, then lets have your problems to discuss .



Several of our members have been hospitalised lately, those that I have known about have been sent a letter wishing them well, if you have been out of colour or low on steam lately and I have missed sending you a note then it's because your mates haven't told me about you . Being out in the 'backblocks' of Elizabeth Field I rely on members keeping me informed of any serious illness of their mates . And any other news about members is most welcome, some members are too shy (?) to talk about themselves and their

We received a very nice letter from the Coromandal Valley School Committee, thanking us for the day they had at our grounds . It was estimated that each of the locos travelled about 20 miles that afternoon, Jeff had a little battery trouble with his new loco, otherwise the locos performed without a hitch thanks to Frank, Bert, John, Geff and of course John B. who had the elevated track to himself .

On the same theme, the A.N.I. Social Club Christmas Party was a great success . More locos were available and more drivers too, which with the half-hour or so break whilst Father Christmas visited the kids made for a very pleasant afternoon . In fact it was a beaut opportunity for the members to have a good 'natter' to eash other, something which we normally do not have time to do at field days . Again thanks to Frank, John L., Alan B., Bert on the ground level with Phil, Barry and Ian on the El. relief drivers were Vic, Gavin, Bill and Colin and to top it off we had Norm and Charlie at the pond, Norm being in the pond as well as at it !! It was beaut to see Charlie and Phil enjoying themselves after their hospitalisation . Mind you, these members would tell you that they do not need thanks, they believe as I do that you do not join a society for what you can get out of it but for what you can put into the society .

The final item in this bulletin proves that you all think the same way, otherwise it would not have been the success that it undoubtedly was

But first to other matters, the rosters and notes on the Time Table .

TIME TABLE



Date	Event	Time	Refreshment Room	S.M.	S.M.	North Points	East Points
Tues. 13.11.84	Gen. Meeting	8 pm. to 10 pm.		Sasme Park	Sasme Jctn		
Sat. 17.11.84	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Brad Cottle	Tony Isso	Alec Ide	Garath Rich	Bill Holdswor
Sun. 02.12.84	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Mrs. Fuller	Ted Fuller	Michael Duane	John Gordon	Peter Gore
Tues. 04.12.84	Committee	7.45 pm. to ?					
Sat. 15.12.84		3 pm. to ?	B.Y.O. Happy Christmas to all				
Sun. 06.01.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	***# Volunteers	***#			
Tues. 08.01.85	Happy New Year Night Run for Members						
Sat. 19.01.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	***# Volunteers	***#			
Sun. 03.02.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Robert Searle	Michael White	Hedley Fayle	Ted Hancock	Brian Oldfield
Tues. 05.02.85	Committee	7.45 pm. to ?					
Tues. 12.02.85	Gen. Meeting	8 pm. to 10 pm.					
Sat. 16.02.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Kirk Watts	Neville Watts	Ian Richie	Tony Fogarty	Gary Fogarty
Sun. 03.03.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Glen Oldfield	Malcolm Ambler	Ron Bennetts	Roy Duncan	David Bustace
Tues. 05.03.85	Committee	7.45 pm. to ?					
Tues. 12.03.85	Gen. Meeting	6 pm. to 10 pm.					
Sat. 16.03.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Colin Gottch	Merv Fitton	Alf Boyley	Mark Grimshaw	Alan Saunders
Tues. 02.04.85	Committee	7.45 pm. to ?					
Sun. 07.04.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Grahame Todd	Mike Bradford	Kevin Herbert	David Gunn	John Mere
Tues. 09.04.85	Gen. Meeting	8 pm. to 10 pm.					
Sat. 20.04.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Thomas Smith	Mike Bradford	Kevin Halstead	Mike Halstead	Nev Morcom
Sun. 05.05.85	P. F. D.	2 pm. to 4.30 pm.	Arthur Symes	Mike Potter	John Newland	Trev Livingston	Andrew Parro
Tues. 07.05.85	Committee	7.45 pm. to ?					
Tues. 14.05.85	A. G. M.	8 pm. to 10 pm.					

O.K. so you skipped over the Time Table and Rosters, I hope that you checked properly because there have been quite a few changes . Did you notice the blank in the event column for December 15th.? That will not be a Public Field Day but an afternoon for our own enjoyment . Come, bring the family stay for a Barbeque and wish each other a Merry Christmas . It's a B.Y.O. BBQ of course, don't be greedy, you have just had a 'free One ' !!!

Also, please note that the two Public Field Days in January require 'volunteers' to man (Personager?) the Stations and Points, it is usually our busiest time, so if you are not going away for the holidays your help will be most welcome .

With regard to the rosters, I wholeheartedly agree with the President of the Sydney Society of M.E., he said ' it seems that we spend most of our lives being told what we have to do without extending it to our hobby, anyway I feel that rosters are an admission of failure . ' Only once during the past twelve months has anyone troubled to 'phone me to advise that they were too ill to attend (thanks Nev. and Kirk) and my guess is that we may get one or two out of the nominated five attending . Yet we seem to manage all right, though some of the willing horses are showing the strain lately .

Some of the alterations to the Roster were required when I discovered from the latest list of financial members given to me by our treasurer that certain members were unfinancial . Surely you don't want to discontinue your membership ? So in the hope that you have merely forgotten I am sending this copy of the Bulletin --- pay up and all will be forgiven .

THE EXHIBITION

Well, what can one say other than it was a magnificent effort by A L L our members . I received a nice letter from Bryan Homann who wished to congratulate the organising committee, but I'm sure that that committee would say that without the full cooperation of the members, then all their planning would have been in vain . It was, as it should have been, a joint effort by all - and it showed .!!

To single out any particular exhibit would be an injustice to all the other exhibits and not only that, it depends on your point of view, do you go for the big like Bob Nash's 4-8-4 or the beautiful such as Roger Giesecke's articulated . Or maybe you are (to use the latest slang) into tools or boats or clocks . There was everything there either in the marquee, running on the tracks or floating on the pond . Not forgetting that the boiler house was bustling with activity the foundry was going 'full blast' (sorry for that) and that the H.O. track in the Club House was in operation.. The whole area was a hive of activity much appreciated by the public, who also enjoyed the afternoon teas served with charm and grace by the ladies .

What also appealed to the public was to be able to see all stages of locomotive construction from the bare frames to the almost completed job . There were loccs there which have travelled over our tracks for many years (thanks for letting us see them again Clarie) to ones just out of the workshops (good on you Bill) and it was especially good to

have with us for the week-end our country members from Broken Hill (Max Blackwell and Bob Nash) who not only travelled from Broken Hill with their locos and return for the week-end but also brought a new member with them, Jeffrey Drust . Terry Trezise from Clare continues to make good progress on his loco --- and I could go on and on about the exhibits and the boats and the organisation and the work --- it will be talked about for years to come and best of all I have an unconfirmed report that we cleared in excess of \$ 1,000 . Well done all ! ! !

Bits and Pieces .

Who let the steam out of the Crampton ?

Who is exuding the good oil all over the El?

Who was burning -off on pollution free days ?

Who can tell us about the 'rocky horror show '

A couple more things about the Time Table .. we do not have a formal general meeting in January , by tradition this is a night run for members and that includes boats and generally a time to chat about whatever . The December meeting will be about machining with Howard and Frank sharing the honours and the February meet will be about '1831' by Jeff Schaefer, I didn't think he was that old !

Jim